



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 03495.0202

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Gouzel KARIMOVA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1653  
)  
Application No.: 09/818,939 ) Examiner: Sheridan Swope  
)  
Filed: March 28, 2001 )  
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For: BACTERIAL TWO-HYBRID ) Confirmation No.: 9624  
SYSTEM FOR PROTEIN- )  
PROTEIN INTERACTION )  
SCREENING, NEW STRAINS )  
FOR USE THEREIN, AND THEIR )  
APPLICATIONS )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of February 11, 2004. The items checked below are appropriate:

- ☒ Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the above Office Action. The fee of \$950.00 for the Extension is enclosed.

The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	51	-	49	2	x \$ 18	\$ 36.00
Indep.	4	-	4	0	x \$ 86	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s)					+\$290	0.00
Subtotal						\$ 0.00
Reduction by ½ if small entity						- 0.00
TOTAL						\$ 36.00

- ☒ A fee of \$36.00 to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this reply is enclosed.

☒ A fee of \$950.00 to cover Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time is enclosed.

☒ A check for \$986.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: July 26, 2004

By: 

Kenneth J. Meyers  
Reg. No. 25,146



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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed February 11, 2004, the period for response having been extended to August 11, 2004, by a Petition for Extension of Time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** appear at pages 2-3.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims at pages 4-20.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 21.